

Text of Mr. Arthur's
Summary of Dr. Ley's Testimony
Provided to the Government November 3, 2020

Summary of the anticipated testimony of Dr. David Ley:

Based upon his clinical experience and knowledge of mentalhealth and sexuality research literature, as well as his own writing, publishing, and artistic experience, Dr. David Ley was asked to determine if the materials as alleged by the Government to be obscene were lacking serious scientific, literary, or artistic value.

Dr. Ley reviewed the drawings and stories in the FBI satellite office in Alpine, Texas, on August 28, 2020, and further reviewed other stories on the Mr. Double website contained in an online archive. Dr. Ley further reviewed two additional stories that the agents indicated were written by Mr. Arthur.

Dr. Ley was not able to view the individual stories and drawings in context on the website along with any disclaimers, warnings, or other stories/contextual information that may have been present, and so his analysis is limited only to the stories themselves.

Each of the stories depicts fictional or at least fictionalized accounts of sexual conduct with children, but these are not automatically stripped of value. Several published works, going back as far as the 17th century, also depict scenes of sadomasochistic sexual abuse and are not considered obscene.

Nor can the drawings be said to be without serious artistic value.

If called to the stand, Dr. Ley will testify in depth about the features of each of the charged stories and drawings, as well as two uncharged stories he was shown, and their relation to other works of art and literature, as well as scientific evidence regarding the potential effects or uses of such literature in therapy and treatment of sexual abuse survivors.

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Dr. Ley's curriculum vitae is attached.

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